

# Proposed Rules

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

### 11 CFR Parts 100 and 114

[Notice 1998-8]

#### Definition of "Member" of a Membership Association

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Election Commission is announcing a public hearing on proposed changes to its rules defining who qualifies as a "member" of a membership association.

**DATES:** The hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 1998. Requests to testify must be received on or before April 6, 1998. Persons requesting to testify also must submit written comments by April 6, 1998, if they have not previously filed written comments on the proposed rules.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests to testify, and any accompanying comments, should be addressed to Ms. Susan E. Propper, Assistant General Counsel, and must be submitted in either written or electronic form. Written requests and comments should be sent to the Commission's postal service address: Federal Election Commission, 999 E St. N.W., Washington, DC 20463. Faxed requests and comments should be sent to (202) 219-3923. Commenters submitting faxed material also should submit a printed copy to the Commission's postal service address to ensure legibility. Requests to testify and comments also may be sent by electronic mail to "members@fec.gov". Persons sending requests and comments by electronic mail should include their full name, electronic mail address and postal service address within the text of the request and comments. Commission hearings are held in the Commission's ninth floor meeting room, 999 E St. N.W., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Susan E. Propper, Assistant General Counsel, or Ms. Rita A. Reimer, Attorney, 999 E Street N.W.,

Washington, DC 20463, (202) 219-3690 or (800) 424-9530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 22, 1997, the Commission published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM") seeking comments on proposed revisions to its rules defining who qualifies as a "member" of a membership association. 62 FR 66832. The NPRM announced that a hearing would be held on the proposed rules if the Commission received sufficient requests to testify.

To date the Commission has received several requests to testify at such a hearing. After considering these requests and the other comments received to date in response to the NPRM, the Commission believes a public hearing would be helpful in considering the issues raised in this rulemaking. The hearing will be held on 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 1998.

Dated: February 27, 1998

**Joan D. Aikens,**

*Chairman, Federal Election Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 97-SW-06-AD]

#### Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA 330F, G, and J Helicopters

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to Eurocopter France Model SA 330F, G, and J helicopters. This proposal would require verifying the torque on the nut that secures the two transformer-rectifiers' common ground; and subsequently installing a modification to separate the grounds of the two transformer-rectifiers. This proposal is prompted by a report from the airworthiness authority of France about an unsafe condition resulting from the loss of the common ground of the two

transformer-rectifiers. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent loss of the common ground of the two transformer-rectifiers, which could result in a complete electrical failure (essential and secondary), loss of electrically-powered instrumentation, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by April 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, Attention: Rules Docket No. 97-SW-06-AD, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas 76137. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from American Eurocopter Corporation, 2701 Forum Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas 75053-4005. This information may be examined at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert McCallister, Aerospace Engineer, Rotorcraft Standards Staff, Rotorcraft Directorate, FAA, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76137, phone (817) 222-5121, fax (817) 222-5961.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by